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David Werdegar, MD, MPH, Director  
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RE: California Hospital Outcomes Report

Dear Dr. Werdegar

Alhambra Hospital is submitting a response to the data published in the California Hospital Outcomes Report (Heart Attack, dated 08/20/97).

After review of all the cases for each of the three year periods, we have found the following:

- Additional risk factors were not coded in 65% of the cases
- 40% of the cases had "Do Not Resuscitate" orders
- 71% of the cases were over 70 years of age
- 29% of the patient's had a full arrest in the field prior to admission, several resulting in anoxic brain damage, which is not considered a risk factor in the study.

Our concern continues to be the age of the data being used and the failure to exclude those cases with "Do Not Resuscitate" orders.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Tim McGlew, CEO

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